

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 8, 2006. Figures 3 and 4 are amended to show every feature of the invention specified in the claim. The amendment is supported by the present application and do not add new matter. After entry of this amendment, claims 6-10, 12-14 and 17-19 are pending.

1. Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114

The Applicants confirm that the request for continued examination filed January 9, 2006 was deemed eligible, that the finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn, and that the submission filed January 9, 2006 has been entered.

2. Drawings

In the attached replacement sheet, figures 3 and 4 have been amended to show every feature of the invention specified in the claim. Specifically, the stacked color layers separated from the second substrate by the crystal layer have been added. The feature added in the drawings is supported by the present application and do not add new matter. See remarks in the "Specification And Claim Rejections" section.

3. Specification And Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Claims 6-10,

12-14 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the specification and rejections of claims based on the following arguments.

The exact phrase "the stacked color layers separated from the second substrate by the liquid crystal layer" as recited in the amended claim 6 is not contained in the specification originally filed. However, the structure recited in this phrase is disclosed and therefore this claim language is supported by Applicants' specification specifically. The claimed structure of this feature is disclosed in the following sections of the specification: page 16, last line to page 17, line 10, "FIG. 3 is ... has the same structure as the liquid crystal display 1 except for the structure of the color filter layer" and "an external peripheral portion 90 of a color filter layer 26 is, as in the first embodiment, set outside a visible area 70 and inside a sealing material 14"; page 19, lines 6-15, "FIG. 4 is ... this reflective liquid crystal display has the same construction as that of the liquid crystal display 1 except for the structure of the color filter layer" and "an external peripheral portion 90 of a color filter layer 36 is set outside a visible area 70 and inside a sealing material 14, as in the first embodiment"; and page 14, lines 1 to 6, "a substrate 11 and a counter substrate 12 are joined to one another by a sealing material 14 at the peripheries thereof so that the substrates are arranged in parallel with each other with a predetermined gap therebetween. A liquid crystal layer 13 is enclosed in the inner portion of the sealing material 14". These sections of the specification clearly support the claimed feature that the stacked color layers are separated from the second substrate by the liquid crystal layer.

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In view of the above arguments, the Applicants respectfully submit that the specification indeed disclosed the stacked color layers separated from the second substrate by the liquid crystal layer as recited in the amended claim 6, and thus the claims containing the stacked color layer limitation are supported by the specification (i.e., the specification provided proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter) and comply with the written description requirement under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, the objection to the specification and rejections of claims 6-10, 12-14 and 17-19 have been overcome, and should be withdrawn.

4. Conclusion

Based on the above remarks/arguments, the Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. The examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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